



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – February 21, 2019

Chair Nathan Mason called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Selectmen Robert Christie, Nathan Mason, Gary McFarland, S. Josephine Cooper, Kathleen Rybarz; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Appeals Board Member Michael Jordan

Agenda – No change was proposed to the printed agenda or addendum.

Minutes – February 7, 2019 – Gary moved to approve the minutes as written. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 18 – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$133,241.74. Stu reported the bulk of the expenditures were for the school department and snow plowing. He noted that the town hall lighting upgrade was completed this week and is on the warrant, and the stand for the speed monitoring sign is complete and on the warrant. He reported that while at Computer Essentials on an issue with the Code Enforcement Computer he picked up a new desktop for the tax collector which was budgeted.

Cash & Budget Reports – Jo asked if most of the encumbered funds were for road projects. Stu said that and the comprehensive plan.

Foreclosed Property – Stu reported that one of the properties will require an executive session. He said he's not heard back from the other occupied home owner and sent her an e-mail earlier in the day to confirm she wants to enter an installment agreement. He recommended not approving an installment agreement until the former owner agrees to the wording.

Stu reported there has been no contact from the former owners of two pieces of land in the Bar Harbor Highlands Subdivision, though a former co-owner had called prior to foreclosure expressing interest in obtaining the land.

Jo said she would like to see Map 14 Lot 59-1 sold, and there was no objection to contacting abutting landowners to gauge interest.

Board of Assessors – Stu said a lot of questions came to mind following receipt of a memorandum from the Board of Assessors. Kathleen said she would be willing to attend the next Assessors meeting to review those questions with that Board. Stu said the meeting is March 6th at 8:30 AM and he could be there for that, but is leaving for Boston later in the morning. He said he planned to send the questions to the Assessors.

Michael Jordan said he has always wondered why the terms for the elected assessors expire on June 30th instead of following the town meeting when the school committee and Selectmen terms expire. Stu said the input when the Election Ordinance was developed came from the assessors at the time with a preference to continue with the

elected board to coincide with the fiscal year. Kathleen noted that the assessors conduct a review each spring. A brief discussion followed about the quarterly review process. Stu noted that to change the term, the Election Ordinance would have to be amended.

Returnables Requests – Nathan moved to award the returnable proceeds to the Frenchman Bay Riders for May, 2019. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Jo moved to award the returnable proceeds to the Lamoine/Bayside Grange for June, 2019. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Community Center Feasibility Study Committee – Stu reported the committee will meet next Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Citizen of the Year Resolve – Selectmen signed the resolve for the 2018 Citizen of the Year to be awarded at the annual town meeting. Jo noted an edit will be needed for the plaque.

Candidates' Night – Stu reported the session will be on March 14, 2019 at 7PM at the school. Kathleen says audio and video for the TV system will be needed. Stu said he would let Justin Zinke and Tim Hilton know. He said he hopes to be back from vacation in time.

Town Meeting Power Point – Stu said he has not yet started work on that yet.

Road Commissioner – Selectmen discussed some of the severe icing problems on numerous roads during this winter. Stu said he had work done on Birchlawn and Buttermilk Road, and there are problems on other town roads. Several of the state highways also have icing problems. Stu said the town is dealing with things the best they can.

Lamoine 150 – Jo showed off a T-Shirt that the committee has purchased for the half-marathon event with an advertisement for the 150th celebration. She reported the committee has finished the submission criteria for a logo contest which will open as of the March meeting. She said the deadline for submission is May.

Jo reported the committee has established a G-mail account which also copies the town office. She also reported that she has contacted the chair of the State of Maine Bicentennial effort (David Cheever), and the state plans a big celebration in August, which coincides with Lamoine's big celebration, and perhaps there is some help possible with fireworks.

Jo said the committee has been talking with Marilyn "Pete" Turnbull of Ellsworth and is forming a parade committee.

Furnace – Stu reported that CEO Albright and a man from the State of Maine (Cecil Hafford) inspected the propane furnace installation at the town hall. He said while the

furnace is working fine, they did find some installation issues. He said he could contact the installing company to see what corrections might be needed.

Executive Session – Jo moved to enter executive session pursuant to 36 MRSA § 841(e) regarding a poverty tax abatement request. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0 at 7:30 PM.** Out at 7:47 PM.

Kathleen moved to sell the tax acquired property Map 10 Lot 29-8 to the heir of former owner Richard Wallace for one dollar. Gary 2nd. The deed will cover only the 2016/17 lien which automatically foreclosed on January 27, 2019, and the heir will be responsible for making sure the 2017/18 and 2018/19 lien and taxes are paid prior to foreclosure. Stu said he would draw up an agreement and a quit-claim deed in the next few days. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Other Matters – Bob inquired whether the fire department had any used hose it had to dispose of. Stu said he had seen the request from ecoMaine, but there is no hose to dispose of at this time.

Next meetings – Selectmen will individually sign expenditure warrant 19 on March 5, 2019. The next meeting will be on March 21, 2019 (the day after town meeting).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen